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<b>Office Action Summary</b>	<b>Application No.</b> 10/787,065	<b>Applicant(s)</b> BUCKLEY ET AL.	
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**Status**

- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on \_\_\_\_.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**.                      2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

**Disposition of Claims**

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-20 is/are pending in the application.  
     4a) Of the above claim(s) \_\_\_\_ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☒ Claim(s) 1-16 is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 17-20 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

**Application Papers**

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on \_\_\_\_ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.  
     Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).  
     Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

**Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119**

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).  
     a) ☐ All    b) ☐ Some \* c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
  2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_.
  3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

\* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

**Attachment(s)**

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## DETAILED ACTION

### *Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102*

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

1. Claims 17-20 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Cassidy (U.S. Patent Number 6,480,725).

*Regarding claim 17*, Cassidy et al. discloses essentially all the claimed invention as set forth in the instant application, further Cassidy et al. discloses a telephone. In addition Cassidy et al. discloses a method for facilitating selection of at least a first selected network of a group of networks within which to attempt, by a mobile node, to communicate the data (which reads on column 2 lines 16-27), said method comprising: storing a first list of entries identifying a first set of networks of the group of networks (which reads on column 2 lines 16-27); storing at least a second list of entries identifying at least a second set of networks of the group of networks (which reads on column 1 lines 63-67); creating an available-network list of entries identifying which, if any, networks of the group of networks are within communication range of the mobile node (which reads on column 4 lines 67-27 and column 5 lines 1-9); selecting which, if any, network to be the at least the first selected network with which to attempt to communicate the data, selection first made of networks, if any, listed on both the first list and the available list and thereafter, if necessary, of networks, if any, listed on both the first list and the available list (which reads on column 1 lines 63-67).

**Regarding claim 18**, Cassidy et al. discloses the operation of storing at least a third list of entries identifying at least a third set of networks of the group of networks and wherein said operation of selecting further comprises the operation of selecting, if necessary, a network, if any, identified at the third list (which reads on column 1 lines 63-67).

**Regarding claim 19**, Cassidy et al. discloses the operation of storing at least a fourth list of entries identifying at least a fourth set of networks and wherein said operation of selecting further comprises the operation of selecting, if necessary, a network, if any, identified at the third list (which reads on column 1 lines 63-67).

**Regarding claim 20**, Cassidy et al. discloses the operation of attempting to communicate with the first selected network selected during said operation of selecting (which reads on column 1 lines 63-67).

***Allowable Subject Matter***

1. Claims 1-16 are allowed.


***Conclusion***

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Sheila B. Smith whose telephone number is (571)272-7847. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Thursday 6:00 am - 3:00 pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Joseph Feild can be reached on 571-272-4090. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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